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Office Action Summary

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HUGHES ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

I. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Denison et al (US 6,581,108 B1, hereafter Denison).

- Referring to claims 1, 13 and 25, Denison discloses an apparatus comprising: a table to store a plurality of entries for a packet in a sequence of packets of a message transmitted from a first network to a second network (IP translation table), the entries including a first connection identifier corresponding to the first network (address corresponding to the first network), the entries being obtained from a description file of the packet (use Abstract Syntax Notation to process the packet); and a parser coupled to the table to parse the sequence of packets using the table (remove the old address and replace it with the new address from the translation table), the parser extracting the first connection identifier (Fig. 1 and 2, col. 1, lns. 20-35, col. 1, lns. 55-col.

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2, lns. 11, col. 2, lns. 47-67, col. 3, lns. 15-45, col ; 3, lns. 55-60, col. 4, lns. 8-23, col. 6, lns. 10-15).

- Referring to claim 31, Denison discloses a system comprising: a router (end node) in a first network to communicate a message to a second network; and MPAT (Management Payload Address Translator, a router) coupled to the end node to route the message, the router (MPAT) including a network address translation (NAT) processor, the NAT processor comprising: an table (IP Translation table) to store a plurality of entries for a packet in a sequence of packets of the message, the entries including a first connection identifier (first address) corresponding to the first network, the entries being obtained from a description file of the packet (entries obtained from the ASN information about the packet), and a parser coupled to the table to parse the sequence of packets using the table, the parser extracting the first connection identifier (the parser removes the old address and replaces it with the address of the second network, Fig. 1 and 2, col. 1, lns. 20-35, col. 1, lns. 55-col. 2, lns. 11, col. 2, lns. 47-67, col. 3, lns. 15-45, col ; 3, lns. 55-60, col. 4, lns. 8-23, col. 6, lns. 10-15).

- Referring to claims 2, 14, 26 and 32, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims claim 1, 13, 25 and 31 further comprises: a translator coupled to the parser to translate the first connection identifier into a second connection identifier corresponding to the second network (col. 2, lns. 60-67).

- Referring to claims 3, 15, 27 and 33, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 2, 14, 26 and 32 wherein the table comprises: at least a message type entry to specify a message type (object) characterizing the message; and at least a data type entry (object type) to specify a data type of a subsequent packet in the sequence of packets (Fig. 2, col. 4, lns. 8-60).

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- Referring to claims 4, 16, 28 and 34, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 3, 15, 27 and 33 wherein the at least data type entry indicates a location of the first connection identifier in the subsequent packet (col. 4, lns. 34-51).

- Referring to claim 5, 17, 29 and 35, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claim 3, 15, 27 and 33 wherein the at least data type entry comprises a termination entry to indicate that a remaining portion of the sequence of packets does not contain the first connection identifier (col. 4, lns. 62-66).

- Referring to claims 6, 18, 30 and 36, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 5, 17, 29 and 35 wherein the parser skips the remaining portion of the sequence of packets upon recognizing the termination entry (col. 4, 62-66).

- Referring to claims 7 and 19, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 1 and 13, wherein the first connection identifier is one of an address and a port identifier (col. 3, lns. 30-44).

- Referring to claims 8 and 20, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 2 and 14 wherein the second connection identifier is one of an address and a port identifier (col. 3, lns. 30-44).

- Referring to claims 9 and 21, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 1 and 13, wherein the first network is one of a private network and a public network (col. 1, lns. 55-67).

- Referring to claims 10 and 22, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 1 and 13, wherein the second network is one of a private network and a public network (col. 1, lns. 55-67).

- Referring to claims 11 and 23, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 1 and 13 wherein the description file is an abstract syntax notation (ASN) file (col. 3, lns. 55-65).

- Referring to claims 12 and 24, Denison discloses the apparatus of parent claims 11 and 23 wherein the table is inherently generated by an ASN compiler (col. 5, lns. 5-col. 6, lns. 35). The system of Denison uses ASN to encode and parse the SNMP packets. Any addressing table must also be derived from ASN, which is inherently compiled by an ASN compiler.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9 June 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

1. Applicants argue on page 7 of the response that Denison does not disclose, either expressly or inherently, (1) a table to store entries obtained from a description file, and (2) a parser to parse the packet using the table, as recited in claims 1, 13, 25, and 31. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Denison discloses sending a sequence of packets from a first network (private network) to a second network (Internet). Denison discloses an MPAT for performing address translation utilizing a table (MIB). The MIB is the Management Information Base which is a table of entries based on a description file which utilizes the SNMP protocol. Denison discloses a parser coupled to the table to parse the sequence of packets using the table (MIB), the parser extracting the first connection identifier, which is the IP address (a first connection identifier corresponding to the first network, the private network). The claims read on Denison. Refer to Figure 1 (callouts 109 and 102) and column 3 lines 30 to 45. The SNMP packet is based on a MIB database, which is the table that stores the plurality of entries for a packet.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is 703 306-5420. The examiner can normally be reached 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (703) 305-4744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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9 July 2004

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PRIMARY EXAMINER